LESSON 23

JESUS DIED FOR US



Aim: **To teach the children that Jesus came to redeem us.**

Scripture Reading: **Galatians 3:13-14; John 18:12-14; 19:16-37**

Memory Verse: **Galatians 2:20**
I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

PRESENTING THE LESSON

STARTING POINT

Ask the children what their most precious possession is. Show them yours or tell them about it – something that you would be very sorry to lose.

MAIN POINTS OF TODAY'S TEACHING

1. God sent his very precious Son to this world for our sake. **Show Picture 22. Briefly review Lesson 22 by asking questions about the picture.** God fulfilled his promise of salvation in Jesus Christ.
2. Jesus grew to be a man. He taught people the ways of God. He performed many miracles to show he was really from God. But many people refused to believe in him. The religious leaders had him arrested and taken away by soldiers (Jn 18:12-14).
3. Jesus, the Son of God, was put to death by crucifixion, one of the cruellest ways to kill a person. They put Jesus on a wooden cross and nailed his hands and feet to it. Then they raised the cross upright and let him hang until he died. Before his friends removed his body from the cross, a soldier pierced Jesus' side with a spear to make sure he was really dead (Jn 19:16-17, 23-24, 31-37).
4. **Show Picture 20.** When God tested Abraham by asking him to give up Isaac as a sacrifice and Abraham obeyed, God provided a sheep in Isaac's place. In the same way, God provided Jesus as the Lamb of God, to die in our place. God spared Abraham the sorrow of having to give up his only son, but God himself gave up his only Son for our sake! **Show Picture 3**. Adam and Eve disobeyed God, we say they sinned. We all are sinful. God sent Jesus to redeem us from our sin so that we can receive forgiveness and live with him forever.

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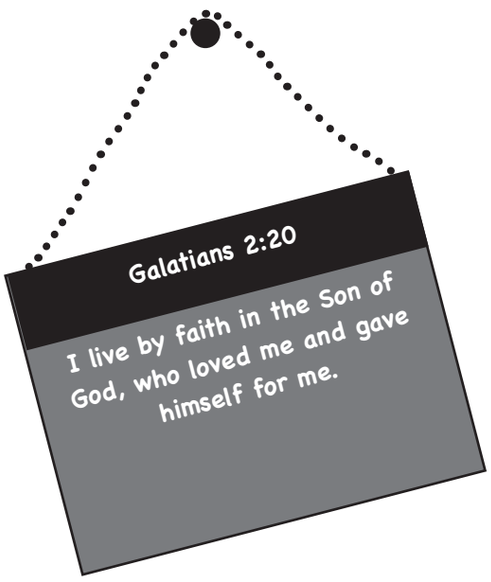


Instil the Memory Verse

Our Response to the Story

Tell the class a story about a boy who made a beautiful tin car. One day he lost it. Some weeks later, he saw it in a shop. He went to tell the shopkeeper it was his. The shopkeeper said he could have it, but only if he paid for it. So the boy saved up and bought his own car back. Now, he said, the car was his twice over: he had made it and he had bought it.

God made us. Jesus reunited us with God. By dying for us he redeemed us or bought us back to belong to God. **Lead the children in prayer to thank Jesus for what he has done for us.**



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